

October 20, 2025

The Newaygo Public Schools Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 2025 in the Newaygo High School Library. Vince Grodus, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vince Grodus, Jami Schultz, Sara Rivera-Cronk, Thomas Frisbie, Bruce Gracik, Reid Sherwood and Mary Spicer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Mr. Ben Gilpin, Superintendent  
Mrs. Christina Wetherell, Admin. Assistant  
Mrs. Kim Bidwell, Business Manager  
Ms. Gena Dietz, High School Principal  
Mr. Kyle McAlister, Middle School Principal  
Mr. Rick Hatfield, Middle School Assistant Principal  
Ms. Allison Hug, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Mr. Jim Smith, High School Assistant Principal

Visitors: 31

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to approve the proposed agenda for the regular meeting of October 20, 2025.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Monthly Trial Balances
- C. Accounts Payable Listing

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

None

#### Presentations from the Floor

### High School Update

High School students presented their experiences in some of the new classes recently approved by the Board.

### MTSS Update

Mrs. Alexis Mercer, Director of MTSS and Assessment, gave the Board an update on the work and planning that has taken place so far this school year.

### Superintendents Reports

#### *Personnel – Resignations & Terminations*

The Board was notified of the following resignations:

1. Brandy Taylor – Bus Driver
2. Christina Lemus – Elementary Aide
3. David Lange – Varsity Head Football Coach/Field Care & Athletics Manager
4. Amy Heimler – High School Aide

#### *Personnel – Recommendations to Hire*

Motion by Mr. Frisbie, seconded by Mr. Gracik, to hire the following individuals as recommended by the Administration:

1. Christopher Spangler – Bus Driver
2. Melissa Hug – Elementary Aide
3. Charles Engle – Middle School Aide
4. Ryan Brummel – JV Girls Basketball Coach

#### **VOTE**

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### *Informational Items*

##### 1. Finance and Budget Update:

Mr. Gilpin gave the Board an update on the finances of the District.

##### 2. October – Principal Appreciation Month

Principals were recognized by Superintendent Gilpin and the Board.

### Administrative Matters

For Action:

#### A. Cheer Team Lock-in

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the Cheer Team Lock-in on November 21st, as presented.

#### **VOTE**

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### B. Snow Removal Bid Approval

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to approve the snow removal bid from Dirt Perfect LLC, as recommended.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### C. Summer Tax Levy Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, seconded by Mr. Frisbie, to approve the resolution to confirm renewals of summer tax collection agreements, as presented and recommended by the Administration.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Grodus, Aye; Mr. Frisbie, Aye; Mrs. Spicer, Aye; Mrs. Rivera-Cronk, Aye; Mr. Gracik, Aye; Mrs. Schultz, Aye, Mr. Sherwood, Aye.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

#### Public Comments – Items Not on the Agenda

Two individuals addressed the Board.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Gracik, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion: Carried

Time: 6:46p.m.



Jami Schultz, Board Secretary